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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE STUDY CENTER Award for Journalistic Articles

The National Intelligence Study Center award for outstanding journalistic contributions on the subject of the American intelligence service in 1980 is herewith presented to The Wall Street Journal for its collective, balanced coverage of this difficult subject. In particular, NISC is citing two reportorial articles by David Ignatius entitled "Corporate Surveillance," 11 February 1980 and "CIA Veterans Assess New Charter," 20 March 1980 and three editorials by William Kucewicz of the Journal's editorial staff entitled "Rebuilding the CIA," 31 January 1980; "Huddleston's Muddle," 21 February 1980; and "Preserving Intelligence," 7 May 1980.

These writings in general focus on proposed charter legislation then under consideration by the U.S. Congress. They are critical of some of the early drafts as negative in approach and are supportive of a strong and effective intelligence service. Specific note is taken of the need for secrecy, the danger of leaks, and the necessity to upgrade not only intelligence operations but also the interpretive function. Well balanced and incisive, these articles and editorials make a most thoughtful contribution to the journal-istic coverage of the American intelligence service.

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